
BILL REQUEST - CODE REVISER'S OFFICE

BILL REQ. #: Z-0923.1/06

ATTY/TYPIST: LL:ads

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Adjusting the terms of office for the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system plan 2 board members.

AN ACT Relating to the terms of office for the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system plan 2 board members; and amending RCW 41.26.715.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

1. **Sec.** RCW 41.26.715 and 2003 c 2 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) An eleven member board of trustees is hereby created.

(a) Three of the board members shall be active law enforcement officers who are participants in the plan. Beginning with the first vacancy on or after January 1, 2007, one board member shall be a participant in the plan or a retired law enforcement officer who is a member of the plan. The law enforcement officer board members shall be appointed by the governor from a list provided by a recognized statewide council whose membership consists exclusively of guilds, associations, and unions representing state and local government police officers, deputies, and sheriffs and excludes federal law enforcement officers.

(b) Three of the board members shall be active fire fighters who are participants in the plan. Beginning with the first vacancy on or

after January 1, 2007, one board member shall be a participant in the plan or a retired fire fighter who is a member of the plan. The fire fighter board member shall be appointed by the governor from a list provided by a recognized statewide council, affiliated with an international association representing the interests of fire fighters.

(c) Three of the board members shall be representatives of employers and shall be appointed by the governor.

(d) One board member shall be a member of the house of representatives who is appointed to a two-year term beginning January of odd-numbered years by the governor based on the recommendation of the speaker of the house of representatives.

(e) One board member shall be a member of the senate who is appointed to a two-year term beginning January of odd-numbered years by the governor based on the recommendation of the majority leader of the senate.

(f) The appointments of the speaker of the house of representatives and the majority leader of the senate shall be coordinated so as to ensure bipartisan legislative representation on the board.

(2) The initial law enforcement officer and fire fighter board members shall serve terms of six, four, and two years, respectively. Thereafter, law enforcement officer and fire fighter board members serve terms of six years. The ~~((remaining))~~ initial employer board members shall serve terms of three, four, and five years respectively. Thereafter, employer board members serve terms of four years. Board members may be reappointed to succeeding terms without limitation. Board members shall serve until their successors are appointed and seated.

(3) In the event of a vacancy on the board, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as prescribed for an initial appointment.